computer-readable form filed in Application No. 09/072,914 as the computer-readable form for the instant application. The information in the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herewith is identical to that which is in the computer readable form, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f).

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Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 20, with the following:

Sequence analysis of the PCR amplified product (Example IV) shows perfect coincidence with the C-terminal amino acid sequence of peptide 1. Using the 450 bp DNA fragment as hybridization probe, a human placenta cDNA gene library (Clontech) was screened. To that end, E.coli strain Y1090 host cells were incubated overnight with vigorous shaking at 37°C in LB medium (per liter: 10 g tryptone, 5 g yeast extract, 10 g NaCl) containing 0.2% maltose and 10mM MgSP. For each culture plate, 0.3 ml of host cell culture was mixed with 3 x10^4 3 x 10^4 pfu phage and incubated for 20 min at 37°C. The mixtures of host cells and phage were added to 8 ml of LB-medium containing 0.7% agarose (LB-top-agarose) that were pre-warmed at 48°C and poured onto 20 agar plates (135 x 15 mm). Plaques were visible after incubation for 6 to 8 h at 37°C and plates were chilled to 4°C for 1 h. Plaques were transferred to Colony/Plaque Screen nylon transfer membranes (NEN Research Products, Dupont Boston, MA) for 3 min, followed by denaturation (2 times in 0.5 N NaOH for 2 min)< renaturation (2 times in 1.0 M Tris-HCl, pH7.5 for 2 min) and fixation by air drying. Prehybridization of 20 membranes was carried out in two plastic bags containing 10 membranes each, using 20 ml of